

**Guest of Honor:**  
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**N.K. Jemisin**

**Guest Scholar:**  
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**Special Guest  
Emeritus:**  
**Brian Aldiss**



March 22-26, 2017 at the Marriott Orlando Airport Hotel

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Please join us for ICFA 38, March 22-26, 2017, when our theme will be “Fantastic Epics.” We welcome papers on the work of: Guest of Honor Steven Erikson (World Fantasy and *Locus* Award nominee), Guest of Honor N.K. Jemisin (Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy Award nominee, *Locus* Award winner), and Guest Scholar Edward James (Pilgrim, Hugo, British Science Fiction Association, and Eaton Award winner). The hero(ine)’s tale is as old as storytelling itself. We trace our way from Gilgamesh to current practitioners of the art through routes that lead to – and beyond – other kingdoms, including those of Malazan and the cities of Gujaareh, Sky, and Shadow. Papers may tread the paths of Thomas the Unbeliever, Bren Cameron, Sundiata Keita, and Boudica, or follow a dark road through Gondor, Camelot, or any valley of shadow. We can find the Epic in the hall of Heorot and in the rooms of Schaherazade. Examinations of modern epics might include the American west, the Marvel Universe, or the world of Miyazaki. A journey, a quest, an awakening – all these and more are part of Fantastic Epics. We also welcome proposals for individual papers and for academic sessions and panels on any aspect of the fantastic in any media. The deadline for proposals is October 31, 2016. We encourage work from institutionally affiliated scholars, independent scholars, international scholars who work in languages other than English, and graduate students.

More information forthcoming at [www.iafa.org](http://www.iafa.org)

For more information on the IAFA and its conference, the ICFA, see <http://www.fantastic-arts.org/>. To submit a proposal, go to <http://www.fantastic-arts.org/icfa-submissions/>. The submission portal opens on September 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

To contact the Division Heads for help with submissions, go to <http://www.fantastic-arts.org/annual-conference/division-heads>.